

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to delete the claim of priority beyond the parent case.

Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application. Of these, claims 1 and 9 are currently amended.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claim 9 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that positive recitations with respect to the controller are part of an intended use recitation.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-11 over U.S. Patent No. 6,464,689 (the '689 Patent). A terminal disclaimer based on the '689 Patent is submitted herewith. The specification has accordingly been amended to delete a claim of priority to cases having priority date earlier than the '689 Patent.

Claims 1-22 are provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the pending claims of copending Application Serial Nos. 10/212,311 (the '311 Application) and 10/219,798 (the "798 Application). As these are provisional rejections, Applicant requests that any double patenting issue with respect to the instant application and either the '311 or '798 Applications be addressed upon allowance of one case and the indication of allowable subject matter in the other case.

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Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks and allowance of claims 1-22 is respectfully requested.

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